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1. On 26 February 1951, four large motor schooners transported three companies of marines, belonging to the 9 Regiment of Naval Infantry, to the Island of Lastovo where they have been assigned. The troops were equipped with light arms, including machine guns, and approximately ten 81 mm. mortars.
2. The troops disembarked in the Bay of Lastovo and proceeded to designated points along the entire coast of the island where Army engineers had built numerous coastal defense positions a few months ago. Smaller vessels then brought up not more than 8 medium calibre cannon and personnel, which did not exceed 60 men, to man them.
3. There are large-scale movements of naval personnel in the port of Split. The Ministry of the Navy and the High Command continue to make repeated inspections of the Islands of Vis, Brac and Korcula, as well as a number of unidentified small islands where coastal defense positions are under construction.
4. The lake of Scutari is under close observation, because it is feared that the large concentration of Albanian-Soviet forces there may create trouble.

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